GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Assessment of NSAP
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), Scheme-wise;

(b) the amount allocated by the Government for the said schemes during the current financial year, Scheme-wise;

(c) whether the State Governments have achieved the financial and physical targets in this regard and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and Scheme-wise;

(d) whether there is provision for taking action against the officials for not timely utilizing the said allocated amount and not achieving the targets;

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of officers/personnel against whom action has been taken so far; and

(f) whether any concrete steps have been taken/proposed to be taken to ensure that the State Governments implement the said programmes effectively?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a): Under National Social Assistance Programme(NSAP) following five welfare components are being administered: i) Old Age Pension, ii) Widow Pension, iii) Disability Pension, iv) Family Benefit Scheme and v) Annapurna Scheme.

In respect of first three schemes targeted beneficiaries are provided with monthly financial assistance ranging between Rs.200-500 as the case may be. Under National Family Benefit scheme below poverty line (BPL) households are entitled to a one-time lump-sum amount of money to the tune of Rs.20,000/- on the death of primary breadwinner aged between 18 and 59 years whereas under Annapurna scheme, 10KG of food grain per month is provided free of cost to those senior citizens which are otherwise eligible but are not receiving the old age pension.

(b): Scheme-wise details of funds allocated/released to the States/Union Territories during the current financial year up to 16th March, 2017 is at Annexure.

(c): The target number of beneficiaries for the current financial year has been communicated to the States/UTs by the Central Government. Based on these numbers States/UTs identify individual beneficiaries.

(d) & (e): The schemes under NSAP are implemented by the States/UTs. Identification of beneficiaries, sanction and disbursement of benefit under schemes of NSAP has also been done by the respective States/UTs.

(f): Performance of States/UTs in the implementation of schemes is reviewed through periodic Performance Review Committee (PRC) and Nodal Officers Meetings. Schemes are also monitored by National Level Monitors(NLMs) and through Area Officers Visits.

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